

WOMEN IN THE LIFE

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BLACK "HERSTORY" MONTH

MABEL HAMPTON
1902-1989

*African-American Lesbian
Activist*

*In 1938 Hampton met
Lillian Foster. The two
women became life-long
partners, remaining
together until
Foster's death
in 1979.*



*Photo courtesy of
Lesbian Herstory
Archives, New York*

"I, Mabel Hampton, have been a lesbian all my life, for 82 years and I am proud of myself and my people. I would like all my people to be free in this country and all over the world, my gay people and my Black people."

Mabel Hampton
at a 1984 NYC
Gay Pride Rally

FEBRUARY EVENTS CALENDAR

DANCE

DANCE PLACE'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM



SATURDAY, FEB. 4 & SUNDAY, FEB. 5

KANKOURAN WEST AFRICAN DANCE CO.

FRIDAY, FEB. 17 - SUNDAY, FEB. 19

YOUTH DANCE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, FEB. 25 & SUNDAY, FEB. 26

MOVING BLACK ARTISTS

featuring **Rebecca Rice & Tiye Giraud**

The Dance Place - 3225 8th St. NE, Washington, DC - 202-269-1600

POETRY

WOMEN IN THE LIFE

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15 - 7:30-9:30 PM.

Women In The Life present the premiere of

OUTLOUD'S...PSYCHOTIC FUNK

the first in a series of theatrical, poetry performances showcasing talented artists from DC's gay community

DCAC (District of Columbia Arts Center)

2418 18th St. NW, Adams Morgan - Reservations Suggested 202-462-7833

SATURDAY, FEB. 18 - 7:30 PM.

NUYORICAN POETS CAFE LIVE

The Barns of Wolf Trap - Vienna, VA - 703-938-2404

COMEDY

TUESDAY, FEB. 14 - 8:00 PM.

BILL COSBY

Kennedy Center - Washington, DC - 202-467-4600



FRIDAY, FEB. 17 - 8:00 PM.

JOE TORRY

George Washington, Lisner Auditorium
Washington, DC



FRIDAY, FEB. 24 - 7:30 PM.

IN LIVING COLOR'S JAMIE FOXX & MTV'S BILL BELLAMY

Constitution Hall - 18th & E Sts. NW, Washington, DC - 202-994-7411

THEATER

SATURDAY, FEB. 11 - 8:00-11:30 PM.

THE CONFESSIONS OF STEPIN FETCHIT

A one-character play starring Roscoe Orman

Hirshorn Museum, Ring Auditorium

7th & Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC - 202-357-2700



KENNEDY CENTER'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS

FRIDAY, FEB. 3 - SUNDAY, FEB. 5

DYLAN PRITCHETT

African-American storyteller

MONDAY, FEB. 6 - 7:00 PM.

THE MASK

Dance, Theater & Storytelling by Namu Lwanga

FRIDAY, FEB. 10 - SUNDAY, FEB. 12

NAMU LWANGA'S

African Stories & Dance

Kennedy Center - Washington, DC - 202-467-4600

CONCERTS



SATURDAY, FEB. 11 - 8:00 PM.

Benefit For The Washington Free Clinic

DISAPPEAR FEAR

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

1820 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC

202-667-1106

MISCELLANEOUS

SATURDAY, FEB. 4 & SUNDAY, FEB. 5

Grand opening of the

TAKOMA PARK FLEA MARKET AND VENDOR MALL

300 Vine St., Takoma Park - 301-869-4611

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

10TH ANNIVERSARY

PASSAGES CONFERENCE

*Day-long conference for the Lesbian community
featuring live music, workshop,
vendors' marketplace and dance*

University of Md. Inn & Conference Center

University Blvd. & Adelphi Rd. College Park, Md. - 301-294-4232

THURSDAY, FEB. 16 - MONDAY, FEB. 20

8th Annual

NATIONAL BLACK LESBIAN & GAY CONFERENCE & INSTITUTES

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► There is a NATIONAL GAY PILOT'S ASSOCIATION. It was newly formed in Nov. 1994 as a non-profit organization that is headquartered here in Washington, D.C.

► O.J. SIMPSON has written a book from his jailcell entitled "I Want To Tell You". It's quickly becoming a top bestseller.

► DREW BARRYMORE appears topless in the January '95 issue of PLAYBOY

► OPRAH recently admitted to smoking COCAINE in the 70's

► PHILIP MICHAEL THOMAS (Don Johnson's partner in Miami Vice) is now introducing the Philip Michael Thomas International Psychic Club on Cable TV.

► History was made on Friday, Jan. 15, 1995 when 16 women in a boat named AMERICA 3 sailed against and convincingly to beat a boat of 16 men named STARS & STRIPES to win the AMERICA'S CUP RACE on Friday,

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Jan. 13, 1995. It may have all started last summer when reportedly STARS & STRIPES skipper, Dennis Conner made a slur about "LESBIANS" to AMERICA 3 crew member, Ann Nelson who promptly poured her drink on his head. AMERICA 3 was the first women's team to race in the entire 144-year history of AMERICA'S CUP.

—Washington Post, 1/14/95

► A white man, Kermit Smith, Jr. 37, was executed in Raleigh, N.C. on Jan. 24, 1995 for raping and killing a black female cheerleader from Wesleyan College. Smith was only the second white person to be executed for killing a black person since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976.

—Washington Post, 1/25/95

► A new drug, HYDROXYUREA, has been discovered to dramatically reduce the painful symptoms suffered by victims of Sickle Cell Anemia. Over 72,000 Americans have this life threatening disease, **MOST OF THEM ARE BLACK.**

PAULA'S RECIPES FOR LIFE

Well, we've just about made it through the winter relatively unscathed. But don't let your defenses down. Temperatures tend to drop from day to day and in the course of a single day. Commercial cold remedies may relieve cold symptoms but do little either to keep a cold at bay or cure it. Though perhaps lacking proof by laboratory studies, experience over the course of centuries demonstrates that treatment in the form of nutrition and other natural remedies, such as herbs and vitamins, provide perhaps the best protection from and defense against the onset of colds. If you find yourself stricken, hot fluids are most promising as a first defense. Hot pepper and other spices such as ginger function as expectorants which cause sneezing and coughing to expel cold viruses from the body. And garlic, the panacea of all natural remedies, boosts the immune system and kills bacteria. Add these ingredients to hot soups for great winter meals. Keep a batch of chicken soup stock on hand to make these delicious and healthy soups.

Chicken Soup Stock

- 2 free range chickens if available (about 3 1/2 lbs. each)
- 2 large Spanish onions, unpeeled and quartered
- 3 large carrots, peeled and cut into 1-inch lengths
- 3 stalks of celery, cut into 2-inch lengths
- 2 tblsp. black peppercorns
- 2 bay leaves
- 6 quarts water

Put all ingredients in a large stockpot. Bring to a boil over medium high level. Reduce to very slow simmer. Let simmer for 4 to 5 hours skimming the broth from time to time as necessary. Strain the stock several times through cheesecloth, discarding vegetables and sediments. Set aside until the stock cools to room temperature, then refrigerate overnight. Skim the fat from the top of the stock. Ladle the stock into one quart airtight containers for freezing. makes 4 quarts.

Hot Pepper Chicken Soup

- 1 head of garlic
- 1 tblsp. ginger root, grated
- 8 cups (2 quarts) chicken soup stock (from recipe above)
- 1 whole chicken breast (skin & bones removed), *poached & chopped
- 1 bunch cilantro leaves and stems chopped
- sea salt to taste
- fresh ground black pepper to taste
- juice of fresh lemon or lemons

Preheat oven or toaster oven to 350 degrees. Separate the cloves of garlic and spread them out on baking sheet. Roast the garlic for about 10 minutes. Let the garlic cool and press the cloves out of their skin into a bowl, discarding the skin. Mash the garlic with the back of a spoon. In a large heavy pot, heat olive oil. Add onion and two tablespoons chicken soup stock and cook over low heat for about 10 minutes. Add green, red and jalapeno peppers, mashed garlic and ginger root. Cook stirring for about 1 minute. Add remaining chicken soup stock, chicken breast pieces and salt and pepper to taste. Add lemon juice to taste and serving piping hot.

*To poach chicken, place skinned boned chicken in a saucepan and just barely cover with water. Boil until chicken is white and cooked through, for about 10 minutes. Chop chicken and set aside.

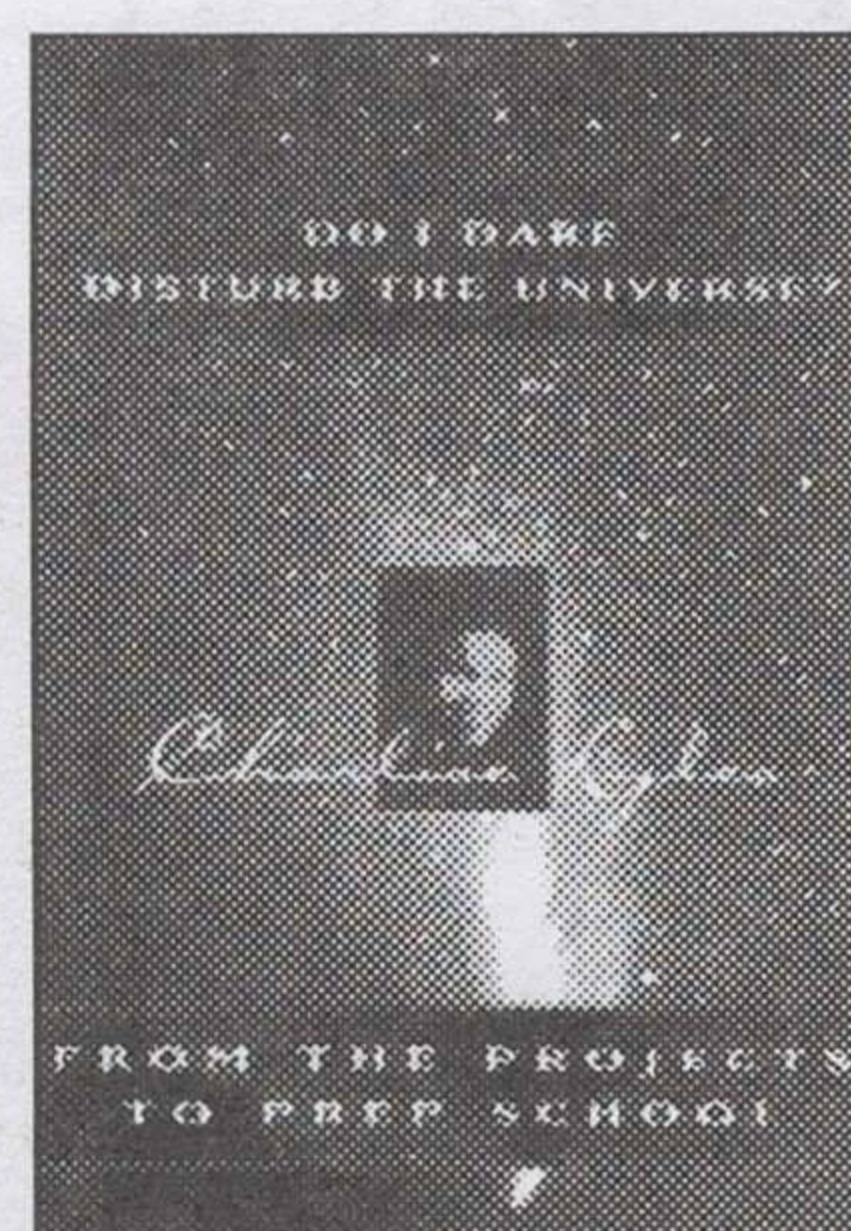
by Paula Carlotti

Vertigo Readings



Miriam DeCosta-Willis
The Memphis Diary of Ida B. Wells
Saturday, Feb. 4 • 1:00 p.m.

An intimate portrait of the activist as a young woman. Edited with explanatory notes, this unique document is a rare glimpse into the life of a 19th-century African American woman.



Charlise Lyles
Do I Dare Disturb the Universe?
Tuesday, Feb. 7 • 6:00 p.m.

Lyles shares how civil rights era programs and policies affected her and her family. We travel with her from "the slow class" to an elite prep school and beyond.



Octavia E. Butler
Parable of the Sower
Wednesday, Feb. 8 • 1:00-2:30 p.m.

The gripping account of Lauren Olamina and her survival of turmoil in 21st century California. A rare visit from a legendary author.



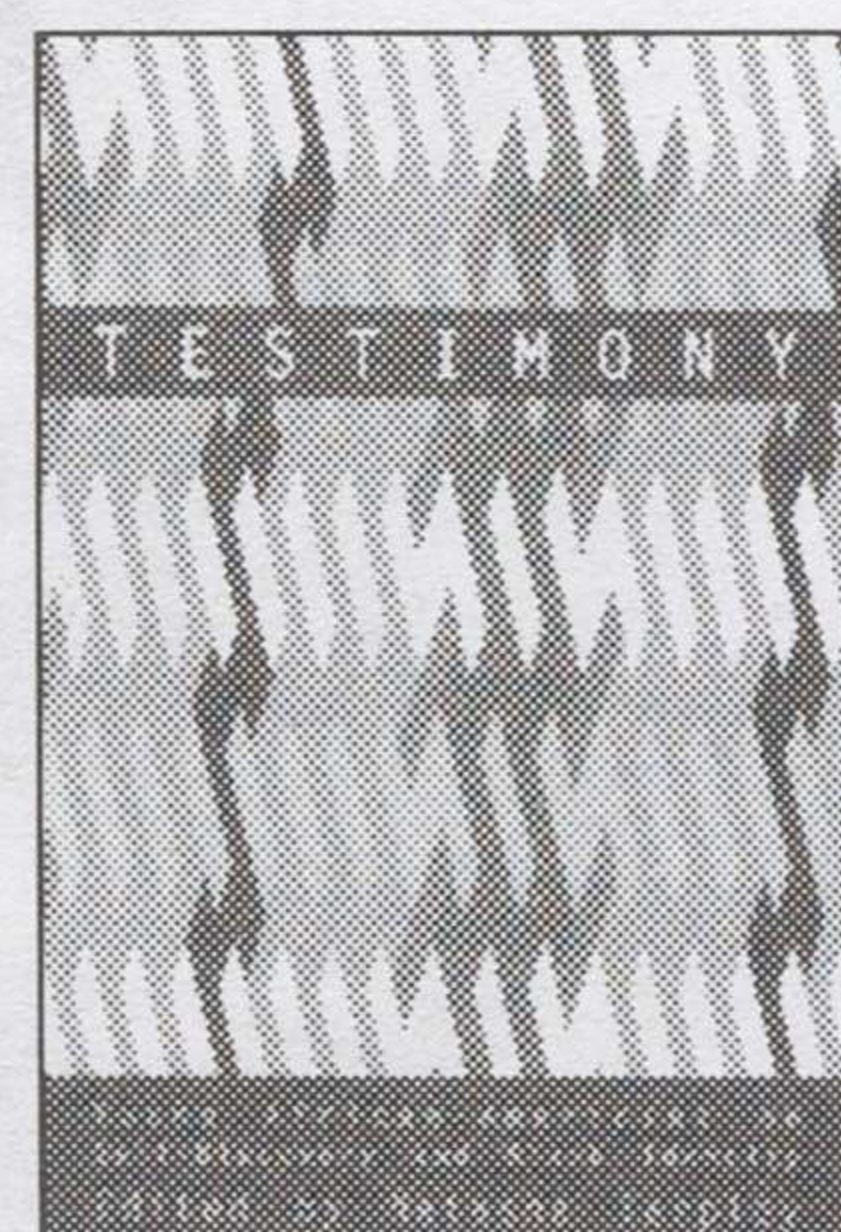
Jessica B. Harris
The Welcome Table
Wednesday, Feb. 8 • 6:00 p.m.

Culinary historian Harris presents a feast of more than 200 recipes, traditional and contemporary, together with historical details reflecting black culture's richness and diversity.



Sharon Harley
The Timetables of African American History
Friday, Feb. 10 • 6:00 p.m.

A comprehensive, illustrated chronology covering significant people and events since 1492. Thousands of accessible entries are presented.



Testimony
Black Students Naming Ourselves
Saturday, Feb. 11 • 1:00 p.m.

Editor Natasha Tarpley introduces a new generation writing on self-discovery and identity. Yona Harvey, Jelani Cobb, Jr., Yao Bhoke Anto and Ta-Nehisi Coates will read.

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— CeeCee Jones —

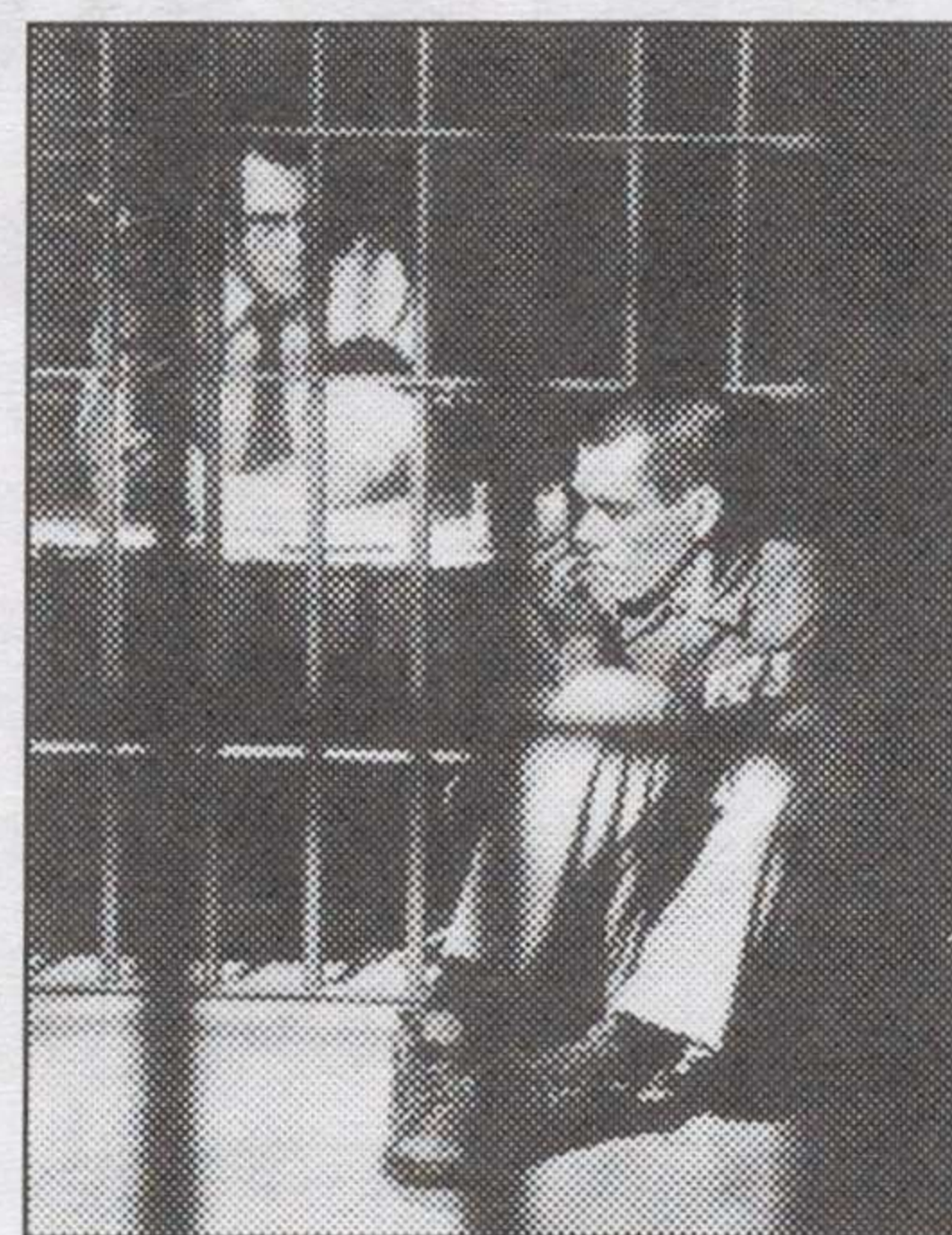
HOT OR AT LEAST LUKEWARM FLICKS

— Sheila Reid —

being charged for murder. His only hope is his rookie lawyer, played convincingly by Christian Slater. It's depressing, it's dark and dingy and so far it's the strongest set of performances on the big screen this year.

MURDER IN THE FIRST

Gritty prison melodrama about a petty thief who is thrown in solitary confinement for three years for trying to escape from Alcatraz. Played brilliantly by Kevin Bacon in his best role since Diner, the inmate is abused for so long he's now a mindless idiot that is



BROTHER MINISTER: THE ASSASSINATION OF MALCOLM X

This is a captivating documentary that attempts to unravel the mystery as to who "really" killed Malcolm X. Although, everyone knows he was shot down by two members of the Fruit of Islam (the highly trained security force of the nation of Islam), the film tries to find out if any of the Nation of Islam leaders actually ordered the hit or did they just create the environment in which it happened.

A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE

Albert Finney stars in this film about a repressed bus conductor who gets a crush on a male colleague and subsequently comes out of the closet in grand fashion. The setting is 1963 Dublin, a time and place not known for its tolerance of homosexuals. Superb acting carries this otherwise thin plot.

SMITHSONIAN FILM SERIES WED, FEB. 1—SAT, FEB. 4

Times vary
FREE 100 YEARS OF BLACK FILM:
IMAGING AFRICAN-AMERICAN

CARMICHAEL AUDITORIUM

Wednesday, Feb. 1 • 7:45–10:00 p.m.

HIGHER LEARNING w/intro from John Singleton

Thursday, Feb. 2 • 3:30–6:15 p.m.

WITHIN OUR GATES (1919) By Oscar Micheaux

7:30–9:30 p.m.

BLOOD OF JESUS (1948) By Spencer Williams

MIRACLE IN HARLEM (1948)

Friday, Feb. 3 • 7:30–9:30 p.m.

SUPERFLY (1972) By Gordon Parks, Jr.

Saturday, Feb. 4 • 3:30–5:30 p.m.

OLDER WOMEN & LOVE (1987) w/Camille Billops

intro followed by the Washington premiere of new

THE KKK BOUTIQUE AIN'T JUST REDNECKS

TAYLOR GALLERY

Thursday, Feb. 2 • 10:30–12:30 p.m.

SWING (1938) By Oscar Micheaux • **RACE MOVIES** (1985)

1:00–3:00 p.m. **MIDNIGHT RAMBLE**

3:30–5:30 p.m.

LUMUMBA: DEATH OF A PROPHET (1992)

Friday, Feb. 3 • 10:30–12:30 p.m.

CARMEN JONES (1954)

ANACOSTIA MUSEUM, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Friday, Feb. 3 • 1:00–3:00 p.m.

THE LAST BREEZE OF SUMMER (1991)

LAND WHERE MY FATHER DIED (1991)

3:30–5:30 p.m. **LOST BOUNDARIES** w/Wm. Greaves intro

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY

Saturday, Feb. 4 • 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

BRIGHT ROAD (1953)

1:00–3:00 p.m.

DREADLOCKS & THE THREE BEARS (1992)

KISS GRANDMA GOODBYE (1992)

3:30–5:30 p.m. **KILLER OF SHEEP** (1977)

WOMEN IN THE LIFE & DCAC present
OUTLOUD'S
PREMIERE POETRY PERFORMANCE entitled

PSYCHOTIC FUNK

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1995

7:30–9:30 p.m.

at DCAC The District of Columbia Arts Center
2438 18th St. NW, Wash., DC

Admission: \$4 DCAC members • \$6 non-members

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL DCAC AT 202-462-7833

Limited Seating Available



PSYCHOTIC FUNK

is an eclectic blend of theatre & poetry performance mixed with sultry, smooth vocals and sprinkled with a little funky hip-hop flavor.

featuring

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& Venus Thrash

VOCALISTS: Gail Goodwin • Pariss

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OUTLOUD is a series of poetry performances designed to showcase the artists of DC's gay & lesbian community.

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